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Re: Bal Tec AG
U.S. Patent Application
Inventor: Grunewald, et al
For: SAMPLES FOR TRANSMISSION ELECTRON MICROSCOPY
Our Ref. J423-017: US

Sir:

The above-identified utility patent application is transmitted herewith for filing.

Enclosed are:

1. 12 Page English Appln., including 14 Claims and 1 Pg. Abstract of the Disclosure;
2. 1 Sheet of Drawing, Figs. 1a-3;
3. Declaration/Power of Attorney (Unsigned);
4. Cert. Copy of Swiss Appln. No. 2003 01335/03; and
5. Check - Amt. \$385.00 - No. 4783 (Filing Fee - Small Entity).

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Fee Calculation:

Basic Filing Fee: \$ 770.00

Total No. of Claims Filed: 14 (-20) = 0 x \$ 18.00

Total No. of Independent
Claims Filed: 2 (-03) = 0 x \$ 86.00

Multiple Dependent Claim Fee (if present): \$290.00

Sub-Total: \$ 770.00

SMALL ENTITY (if applicable) - REDUCE FILING FEE BY 50%: \$ 385.00

Assignment (if applicable):

TOTAL FEE: \$ 385.00

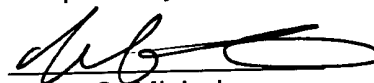
PLEASE NOTE:

The assignee, Bal Tec AG, of the above-identified application is entitled to and claims SMALL ENTITY status.

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Further, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee under 37 C.F.R. 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required during the entire pendency of the application to Deposit Account No. 14-1431.

Respectfully submitted,



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